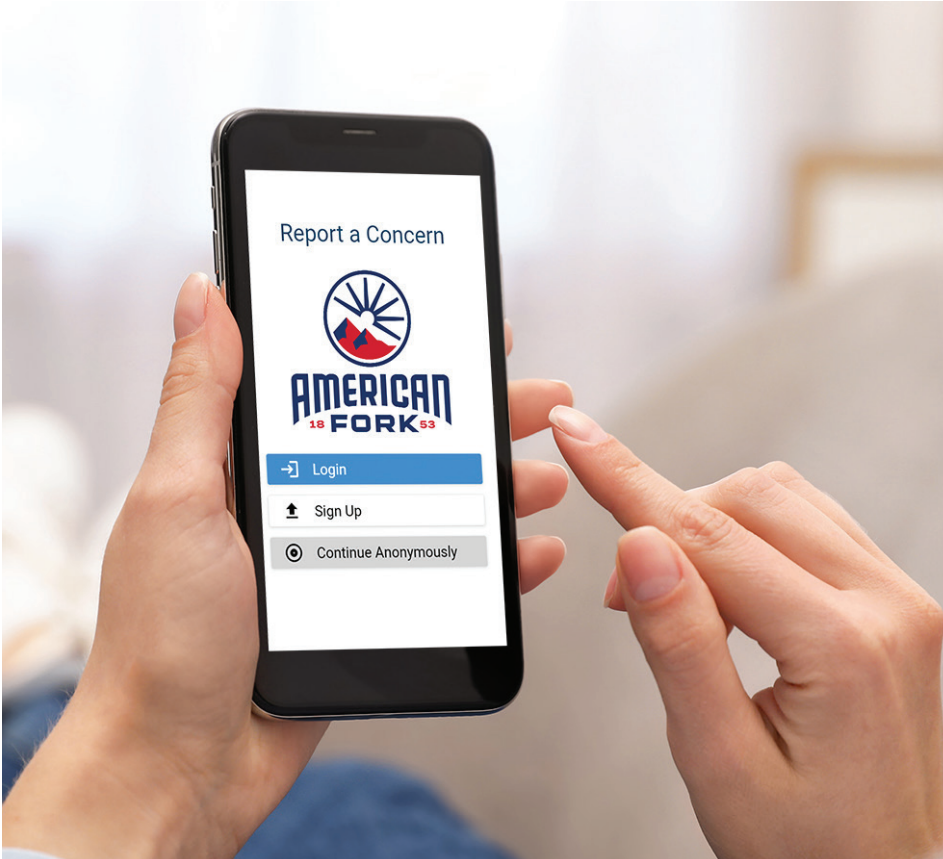


The HUB

The Official Newsletter of American Fork City



REPORT A CONCERN

New Tool Available for Residents to Report Non-Emergency Issues

American Fork City has implemented a new tool, available at americanfork.gov, that allows residents to report non-emergency issues anytime, anywhere. This new tool streamlines the process of resolving issues by automatically sending concerns to the appropriate department for a timelier response. With the implementation of this new tool, residents can see a pothole, take a picture of it with their phone, and use their GPS to send a picture and location to our streets department who will be alerted immediately. The tool can also be used to report graffiti, traffic signal problems, code violations, and more.



**TO SUBMIT A
CONCERN, VISIT:**

americanfork.gov/concern

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Office Numbers

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| Administration | 801-763-3000 |
| Public Works..... | 801-763-3060 |
| Library | 801-763-3070 |
| Fitness Center..... | 801-763-3080 |
| Senior Center..... | 801-763-3090 |

Non-Emergency

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|--------------------|--------------|
| Police | 801-763-3020 |
| Fire & Rescue..... | 801-763-3045 |

On-Call / After-Hour

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| Water/Pressurized | 801-404-1253 |
| Sewer/Storm Drain | 801-404-7167 |
| Streets | 801-404-1255 |
| Garbage | 801-924-8500 |
| Street Lights | 801-814-4311 |



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SERVICE, SACRIFICE, AND FREEDOM

American Fork City Memorial Day Events

Three years after the Civil War ended General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, delivered an address to a crowd in Washington D.C. where he designated a day to decorate the graves of those who passed on in defense of their country. This annual "Decoration Day" officially became Memorial Day as part of the National Holiday Act of 1971.

Read on for details on events taking place in American Fork on Memorial Day, May 30, 2022.

FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST

American Fork Fire & Rescue invites everyone to their annual Memorial Day Breakfast. Start your holiday out right with a full breakfast served from 6 a.m. - 10 a.m. on Monday, May 30, at the fire station located at 96 North Center St. Prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 13. Veterans eat free. Tickets will be sold at the fire station or online.

AMERICAN FORK MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

After you've had your fill at the Fire Department breakfast, come enjoy the City's Memorial Day Program at the Alpine Taberna-



cle, beginning at 11 a.m. This year's program is entitled "Honoring Service and Sacrifice" and will feature both the AF High Marching Band and the AF High Chamber Choir and include a 21 gun salute.

The AF cemetery begins its annual clean-up on Monday, June 3 after Memorial Day. Families will need to re-move all decorations from the cemetery before this time, especially decorations on or around headstones. Things left will not be kept

AF City 2022 Burn Permits

American Fork Fire Rescue would like to announce, according to the Utah Division of Air Quality, the City's open burn season will be from

March 30, 2022 to May 30, 2022. Citizens can apply for a permit online or in person at the fire station location at 96 North Center St. to obtain a burn permit at a cost of \$20.

Payment can be made with cash, check or card. Before each burn, citizens will need to call the county burn number to confirm it is a green burn day and fill out a form on the State UDEQ website. This information will be provided with the permit or also online at the city website.

Call the Fire Department with any questions at 801-763-3045. Please be safe.





AMERICAN FORK FIRE & RESCUE

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST MAY 30, 2022 6:00AM - 10:00AM

Location:
Station 51
96 N Center Street
American Fork

Prices:
Adults \$8
Children (under 13) \$4





CITIZENS WANT TO KNOW

Why are you taking away my hose bibb, filter, and/or shutoff valve and not replacing it!?

The Long Answer:

When American Fork City installed the pressurized irrigation (PI) system in 2008, the City also installed a utility box on every property using the PI system. These boxes can be found in the front yards of businesses or residences near the sidewalk. This box was meant to house a shutoff valve and a meter, should the City ever decide to add a meter.

In 2019 the State legislature passed S.B. 52, requiring cities to meter secondary water, also called pressurized irrigation, water. American Fork is undergoing this meter installation project to comply with the State mandate.

Back in 2008 the City had no immediate plans for installing a meter, so decided to use the extra space in the City's utility box to add a hose bibb as an added convenience for residents. The goal was to help properties that did not yet have a sprinkler system and had to hand water. At the time the City directed residents that the utility box was for City purposes, and they should plan to add their own utility box further down the line where they can house a filter, shutoff valve, and hose bibb for their property. In fact, in 2008 American Fork City partnered with businesses like BJs Plumbing and Home Depot to have them put together a utility box kit for residents that included the box, lid, filter, shutoff valves, and related connections that residents could purchase and add to their PI systems down the line from the City's utility box. Many homes did just that. Others, however, decided to not install these items, or decided to use the existing space in the city's utility box to install these items. We understand that there may have been a variety of reasons, whether intentional or unintentional, that led to people using the City's utility box beyond its intended purpose. The installation of extra items in the City's utility box does complicate our PI meter installation currently underway.

Now that the City is beginning installation of PI meters on existing connections, we understand the frustration by some residents who may have grown accustomed to using the hose bibb in the City's utility box. Some residents may have even added their filter in the City box as well. With almost 14 years passing since the City installed these boxes, it's easy to get used to their current set up. While the City

is proud that we had the forethought to put this utility box in for a future meter, we now have the uncomfortable responsibility to take back the use of our utility boxes for its original purpose. Unfortunately, the meter being installed takes up the whole box and doesn't allow for other features to remain.

The new meters will include a transmitter that will be connected to the lid, allowing us to wirelessly read the meters. Using a transmitter will save the City significant labor costs year after year to read meters. Additionally, these transmitters will allow residents to easily see their own usage. However, because the transmitter is connected to the lid there is a greater chance of damaging this expensive device by opening and shutting it. For that reason, we are asking residents to not open the City's utility box once the meter is installed. We understand it may be difficult for residents who have had freedom to access and use that box in the past to now be asked to not even open it up. Please know that we are doing that to reduce the risk of damaging expensive equipment.

The City intentionally installed the utility boxed so that at a later time the we could add meters in a standardized and economical way. For every home it's the same box in roughly the same location, for the same purpose: a meter. The overall cost to install these meters is relatively low compared to what other cities will have to do. The cost of our PI meter project is estimated to be around \$10-\$12 million, which may seem like a lot. But for many cities, in addition to adding a meter they also must add/replace the utility box and then restore landscaping around the box. Those add significant costs to the overall project. Something American Fork does not have to deal with. With our project we can use the existing box and most all residents will not see any impact to their yard. One of the only variables for American Fork are the components that a resident may have added to the City utility box or have grown used to using in the box.

American Fork City cannot replace the city's hose bibb or resident's filters later in the line because we feel excessively costly and inequitable to our residents. Considering that the original intent of the box was for a future meter, the City feels that installing another box and/or bibb down the line would be inequitable to the many residents who

already installed their own utility box/bibb at their own expense. Those residents paid for that additional utility box, filter, shutoff valve, and bibb (or some combination of those items) out of their own pocket as they were instructed to do in 2008. Having the City install additional boxes and/or bibbs for every resident who requests it would add significant costs to the project. Everyone's front yard is designed and landscaped differently. Additionally, there is no telling just how a resident decided to set up their sprinkler system either. Not only would the installation and landscape restoration costs be exorbitant if the City undertook to give residents another box/bibb, but the liability to the City of working on residential sprinkler systems in unknown conditions would be significant. All these added costs would exceed any grants the City would ever hope to get, meaning the additional costs would be borne by the residents as a whole, including the residents who already put in their own boxes and bibbs. We feel this approach is unnecessary, overly costly, and inequitable to all residents.



American Fork City understands that some residents may have misunderstood or never known the purpose and ownership of the City's utility box. We also know that in 2008 some residents may have hired their own contractor to connect to the City's new PI lines; and that those contractors may have been the ones who incorrectly moved the filters into the City's boxes. For those residents we understand why you would feel frustrated or disagree with what seems like a reduction without compensation. We hope this article has helped shed some light and broaden some understanding as to the original intent and purpose of these P.I. utility boxes and why the City is removing everything from the boxes without installing them elsewhere. Residents are welcome to reach out if they have more questions. You can learn more about the project by visiting americanfork.gov/PImeters



Call for Submissions

Show Us What You Love About American Fork

Announcing our first ever #FunFotoFriday contest! Show us why you love where you live, in a photo! Winning submission photos will be used in Friday social media posts on our City Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages. It's all

about sharing your own ideas about what you love about living in American Fork. Entries will be accepted during the month of May. See the rules for the contest at www.americanfork.gov/photocontest

HARRINGTON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Sat, May 21st 2:00-4:00PM

Join us for the unveiling of Dowdle Folk Art's painting of American Fork City

FREE EVENT!!

**Bounce Houses
Live Performances
Large Murals
Family Activities
Donuts and More!**

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50 N. Center Street American Fork

LOOKING FOR A JOB?

American Fork
is Hiring

Check out our available positions at americanfork.gov/jobs.



TIMPANOGOS ARTS FOUNDATION



VISUAL ARTS CLASSES

Spring Schedule:

Sculpture, Ceramic, Oil, Drawing, Colored Pencil and more!



American Fork Community Theater - Oliver! AUDITIONS!!

Monday, May 9th, 6 pm - 10pm

Wednesday, May 11th, 6 pm - 10pm

See facebook.com/AFCTheater for more information

TAF Arts Center, 53 West Main St., American Fork

Vivace Youth Orchestras - Spring Concert

May 11th @ 6:30pm

Valentine Theater

Timpanogos Singers & Youth Choirs - Spring Concert

May 14th @ 7:00 pm

Valentine Theater

TAF Arts Center - Visual Arts Open House & Art Gallery Show

May 20th 7 pm - 10pm

TAF Arts Center - 53 West Main St., American Fork

For more information on these events or to see more TAF events, art classes, and activities, go to www.timpanogosarts.org. To reserve the Valentine Theater for your organization's next event, contact Marlene Myers at (385) 787-4040 or email her at mmyers@americanforkarts.com.